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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number. Docket Number (Optional) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) **FY 2006** 03671/000K437-US0 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) Application Number 10/089.663-Conf. #6944 Filed July 10, 2002 BIODEGRADABLE EXCIPIENT SYSTEMS FOR THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND For METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME Art Unit 1615 Examiner H.S. Ahmed This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): <u>Fee</u> **Small Entity Fee** One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$60 \$120 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$225 \$450 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1020 \$510 1,020.00 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$795 \$1590 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$1080 \$2160 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. Χ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 04-0100 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 April 5, 2007 /Irina E. Vainberg/ Signature Date Irina E. Vainberg (212) 527-7634 Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire Interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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